



# ***“Our Trail, Our Town”***

## **Durham Trail Watch Program: Safety Education and Awareness**

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# Trail Watch Program Training

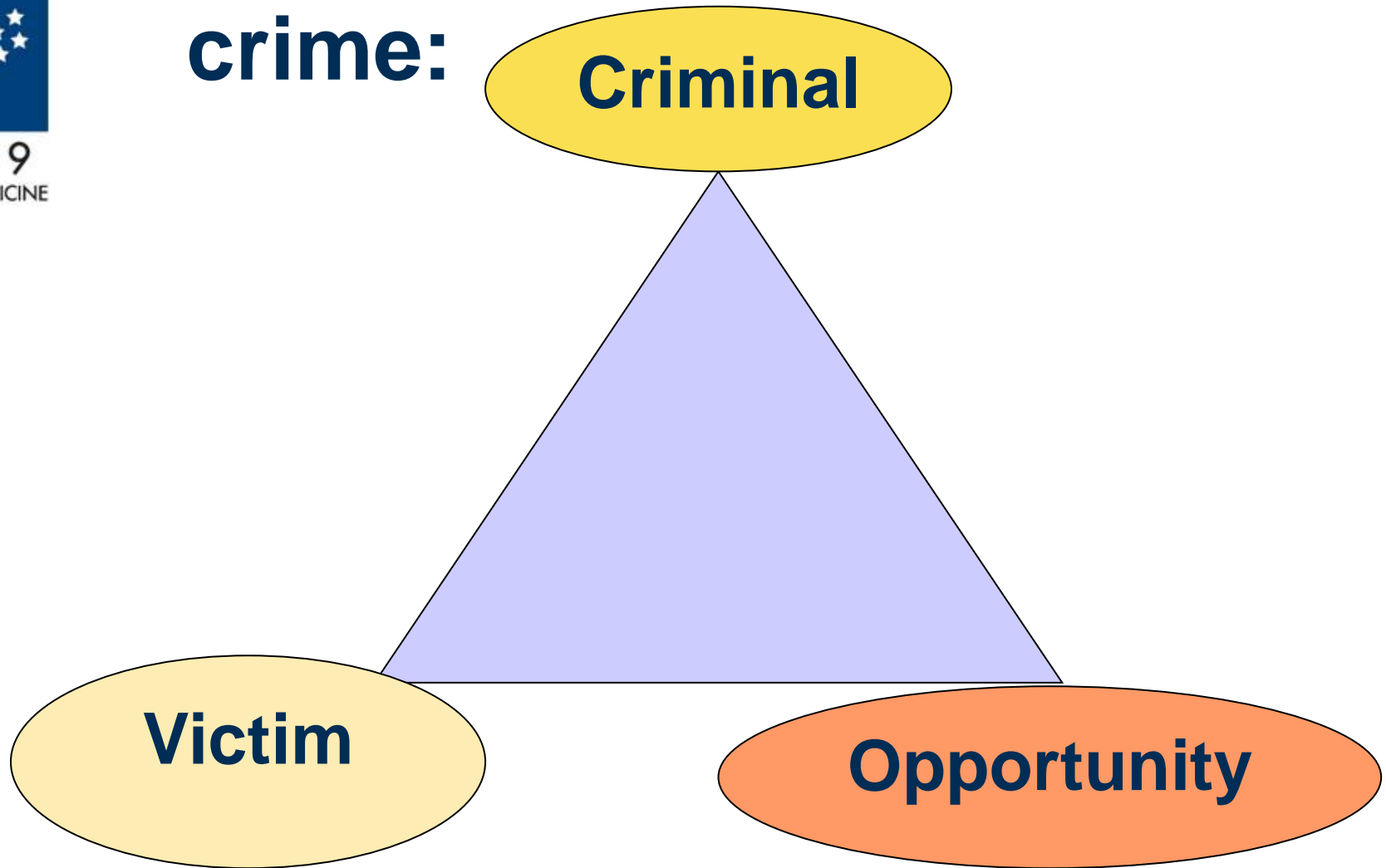
- **Define Crime Prevention**
- **Examine the elements that make up the Criminal Triangle.**
- **Implementing the Durham Trail Watch Safety Program**
- **The five (5) W's to remember when calling 911**
- **Suspect Description**



## Crime Prevention

**A pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed both at reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the security to positively influence the quality of life in our society, and to help develop environments where crime cannot flourish.**

# Elements necessary for a crime:





# **Durham Trail Watch Volunteer Program:**

**The Durham Trail Watch Volunteer Program is a partnership between community members, businesses and law enforcement working together to reduce crime and victimization on the American Tobacco Trail.**

# Our Trail, Our Town : American Tobacco Trail





# Carry a Cell Phone and/or a Whistle:





# Safety Tips for the American Tobacco Trail

## Be Visible:

- While using the parks or trail during the daytime hours, wear bright colors. At night wear light color clothing or a reflective vest.

## Keep the Volume Down:

- Make sure that the music from your iPod or listening device isn't too loud so that you can hear people passing or approaching.





## Safety Tips continued

### Know where you going:

- Choose or plan your routes for paths most frequently used by walkers, joggers and bikers.

### Suspicious person:

- If you see someone suspicious, be prepared to alter your course or go in to a store or public building to avoid them. Acting alert and aware can deter bad guys.



# Safety Tips continued

## Walking alone:

- Whenever possible avoid walk alone (Particularly) at night. If you decide to walk by yourself, tell someone where you are going and when you are expected to return.

## If a suspicious person is following you while walking alone:

- If you are suspicious of a person , create some distance and prepare to react by calling 9-1-1 or moving to a safe location.



## **Safety Tips continued**

### **Valuables:**

**Avoid carrying obvious valuables and cash. Bad guys look for these items when preparing to commit crimes.**

### **Pay attention:**

**Always pay attention to your surroundings while texting, talking on the phone or listening to music on headphones: All these reduce your ability to detect a threat.**



## Safety Tips continued

### Suspicious:

- If you see anyone acting suspicious, contact the police. When in doubt, have law enforcement checked it out.  
**Call 9-1-1!**

### If an Incident Occurs:

- If an incident occurs, do not risk your safety to protect things can be replaced. ***Your Life Can NOT!***



# 5 W's to Remember When Calling 911

- **What**
- **When**
- **Who**
- **Where**
- **Weapon**
- **\*\*\*Changes in activity\*\*\***




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# SUSPECT DESCRIPTION

SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	TYPE OF WEAPON		
							
						HAIR / FACIAL HAIR	HAT (Color, type)
						GLASSES (type)	TIE
						TATTOOS	COAT
						COMPLEXION	SHIRT
						SCARS/MARKS	PANTS / SHOES
<b>STAY ON TELEPHONE...</b>			<b>DON'T HANG UP!</b>				
AUTO MAKE, MODEL, COLOR		LICENSE NUMBER	DIRECTION OF ESCAPE	TIME OF DEPARTURE			



## In Closing:

- **Participate in this Safety Awareness Durham Trail Watch Initiative.**
- **Be aware of suspicious behavior and/or activities while enjoying the trail.**
- **Report all suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1!**
- **Do not actively intervene. Call 9-1-1!**